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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

--Dashboard assembly (1) comprising includes a structural element (2) extending in a direction of elongation, flanges (4a) produced in one piece with the structural element and extending substantially perpendicularly to the direction of elongation and a housing (12). The housing being connected to the flanges by way of releasable retaining elements means (26a, 28b, 38b), in order to permit the displacement of the housing relative to the flanges under the action of a load, greater than a determined threshold, exerted in a longitudinal direction (40) which is substantially perpendicular to the direction of elongation and substantially horizontal, and to hold the housing in position relative to the flanges when the housing is subjected to loads lower than the given threshold in the longitudinal direction.--

FIG. 2